## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Amjad Ali, et al. Serial No.: 10/540,757 Art Unit: 1612 21158P Case No.: Filing Date: June 23, 2005 Examiner: For: 17-CARBAMOYLOXY CORTISOL DERIVATIVES Barbara P. Badio AS SELECTIVE GLUCOCORTICOID RECEPTOR MODULATORS

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## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2009, setting forth a shortened period for response ending January 30, 2010. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees required in connection with this Amendment may be taken from Merck deposit no. 13-2755.

Please amend the application as follows:

 ${\bf AMENDMENTS\ TO\ THE\ CLAIMS\ begin\ on\ page\ 2\ of\ this\ paper.}$   ${\bf REMARKS\ begin\ on\ page\ 9\ of\ this\ paper.}$